

AUGUST 12, 2015

The first monthly meeting of the Ellington Town Board was held on August 12, 2015 at 7:00p.m. at the Ellington Town Hall, 813 W. Main Street, Ellington, N.Y.

PRESENT: Laura M. Cronk, Supervisor  
Tamara Miles, Councilwoman  
Roger D. Brainard, Councilman  
Sharon J. Berg, Councilwoman  
Karen G. Bifaro, Town Clerk/Recd. Secy.  
Dennis Colvenback, Highway Superintendent  
Sandy Colvenback, resident

ABSENT: Jeffrey L. Chase, Councilman

Supervisor opened the meeting at 7:00p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Participation**

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to adjourn from open session at 7:05p.m. and go into executive session.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Brainard to adjourn from executive session and reconvene in open session.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to table discussion of employee retirement until entire Board is present at next meeting.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

### **Highway Superintendent Report**

The repairs to Little Road are progressing, has been filled in with gravel and then will be oiled. Hwy. Dept. has been working on shared services with the County oil and stoning roads. Shoulders have been pulled on Bentley Hill Road and patched with hot mix. Patching also has been done on North Hill Rd and Wolcott Roads. The excavator has been repaired and put back in service. It was very expensive to fix and has been hard not having it doing all our rain damage. Hwy. Dept. has been sharing service with Gerry (black topping), Villenova (pug-milling) and Cherry Creek. Work has been done on Pickup Hill Road. The current surface has been ground and re-laid then it will need to be oiled. Great Lakes Tree Service has looked at trees on Hopkins Rd and Wolcott Road and will give pricing. Now that excavator is back, doing ditch repairs on Dean School Road. Blacktopping has been done on Waterman Road between Butman and Hopkins Road.

Highway Superintendent asked the Town Board for permission to purchase the "oil buggy" for \$13,000. so we can do our own spray patching on roads.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Berg to have Hwy Supt. purchase the oil buggy for spraying.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Highway Superintendent asked the Town Board for permission to increase the oil & stone of roads to another 1 ½ miles using fund balance monies.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Brainard to allow fund balance monies used to oil & stone more roads.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Berg to accept the Hwy. Supt. report as submitted.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

#### **Audit & Payment of Claims**

At this time the Town Board reviewed the bills as follows:

General Fund Claim Nos:	#210 - #226	\$2,504.52
Highway Fund Claim Nos:	#99 - #107	35,800.22
Trust & Agency Fund Claim Nos:	#17	<u>453.62</u>
ABSTRACT NO. 15	TOTAL	\$38,758.36

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to pay the bills as submitted.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Supervisor received the following checks for deposit:

07/28/15	\$100.00	Time Warner (rent)
08/06/15	156.16	sale of scrap metal
08/11/15	47.35	refund from NYS Retirement fund
08/11/15	64,840.72	Chaut. Co. Sales Tax -quarterly
08/11/15	953.00	Justice Court fees -July 2015
08/12/15	735.32	Town Clerk fees -July 2015
08/11/15	480.00	refund check from Jamestown Jammers

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Brainard to authorize a classified ad be placed in Post Journal for applications to hire a new Highway employee.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

## Monthly Reports

Councilman Brainard thanked the Hwy. Supt. for placing the clay on the tractor pull track and informed the Town Board the tractor pull went very well.

Mary Jane Griffith sent us a report of the Town Picnic. Friday night went well until the rain came at 9:00. Only 17 babies in the Baby Show and a great crowd on Saturday for the parade and Paul Zittle Band. Church service was held on Sunday morning at the Community Church followed in the afternoon by the tractor pull.

Motion made by Berg, seconded by Miles to accept the Town Justice's monthly report as submitted.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Brainard to accept the Dog Control Officer's monthly report as submitted.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Berg to accept the Building Code Officer's monthly report as submitted.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Motion made by Berg, seconded by Miles to accept the Assessor's monthly report as submitted.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Brainard to accept the Town Clerk's monthly report as submitted.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Berg to approve the Budget Modifications to highway fund as submitted by accountants, Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat CPAs.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Miles to accept the monthly Financial Statement as submitted by accountants, Bahgat & Laurito-Bahat CPAs.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Berg to accept the minutes of the July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting as submitted.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

### **Old Business**

Councilman Brainard looked at the tree that part has fallen and the rest is about to fall down in Waterboro Cemetery. He asked if volunteers could take the tree for the wood.

Councilwoman Miles will take pictures of our cemetery monuments that are in need of repairs so we can apply for grant funding.

The Attorney has sent a draft of the proposed Local Law for use of the Town Park. It was questioned if the fine should be twice the cost of the repairs/replacement. This will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting and a Public Hearing date will be set.

The committee will be meeting before the next meeting to discuss the Employee's Handbook and be brought before the Town Board.

The ball park driveway has been trimmed of branches. Grass will be removed and gravel will be placed down. Have received notice that there is a tree on the property line of ball park that is in need of trimming or removal.

Supervisor received a letter from NYS that the Town of Ellington's final equalization rate was set at 97%.

Request has been received from Evelyn Emmick for use of the gazebo and the parking lot by the Town Hall for a wedding to be held 4:30 to 9:30p.m. on Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Berg to approve use of the gazebo and parking lot area on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Seal coating of the Town Hall driveway and parking lot was discussed. Dependable Paving has submitted a bid of \$800. and Lakeshore Paving's bid \$2,300. Signature Paving never submitted a bid. Supervisor will call Dependable Paving and ask if the \$800. Bid is correct.

Motion made by Brainard, seconded by Berg to accept the bid of \$800. if this bid is found to be correct.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

At the Town Picnic a break in underground electrical wiring was found in the Town Park. Supervisor will talk to electrician, Mike Eaker about an estimate for the cost of repairs.

A resident and his wife are in need of help to fix or replace a tube in his driveway/bridge that has been damaged by all the rain. He is in a wheelchair due to the loss of his legs and cannot do the work himself. He has called many agencies for help but because it is not in highway right-of-way, the state or county will not help.

A Community Project to help this resident with his driveway problem was discussed.

Motion made by Miles, seconded by Berg to form a committee to assist this resident as a Community effort.

VOTE: Miles-aye, Brainard-aye, Berg-aye, Cronk-aye Carried.

Motion made by Berg to adjourn meeting at 9:00p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen G. Bifaro  
Town Clerk/Recd.Secy.